

POACHER HARNESS CLUB



Newsletter August 2015

Apologies for any duplication of items from our website but not all of our members are on the internet and this is their only way of receiving our news.

Welcome to the August newsletter. So sorry for the delay in getting our second newsletter of the year out but the Season is just flying by at an alarming rate.

TRAINING DAY

The Training Day in March was of limited success without a huge take up but those that went and endured a cold and windy day were well rewarded with excellent tuition and hospitality from Sue Mart and all that went came away with homework to do to improve themselves.

INDOOR DRIVING

After a closely fought battle, the Winner of the Indoor Driving Championship emerged as Kelly Wilson, with Kevin Smith as Runner Up.

EAGLE MOOR

Sunday the 12th April saw the first of our visits to this lovely venue on the outskirts of Eagle Moor. And it blew and blew and blew!!!! I agree with Judith in her report where she likens it to Wuthering Heights!!!! Despite the weather, there was a reasonable turnout and everybody enjoyed themselves. As a scorer I had luxury -

the use of a caravan. However, it did rock under the strong winds!!!!

The winner of the Novice Class was Julie Tomkins, Open Class and Overall winner was Richard Wood.

PLUMTREE FARM

Again, another new venue, hastily arranged when a landowner had a change of heart and thanks go to Gemma Owens for stepping in at the twelfth hour. Situated just outside Bawtry it was just a stones' throw from the Indoor Venue of Tickhill, so easy for most to find.

The dressage arena was second to none - Thanks go to Gemma's Dad who took "One Man Went to Mow" a step higher!!!!

The winners on the day were Novice and Overall Winner, Kevin Smith. The Open Class was won by Nigel Patrick.

BAGMOOR

This is a popular venue for drivers, mainly for the water obstacle but also for it's lovely sandy woodland tracks

and flat (albeit a tad small) dressage arena and its' suitability for young equines..

The day was well supported and it was lovely to see Kelly Wilson bring Frosty out on his first venture into the world of outside driving completion.

Winners were Novice and Overall, Kevin Smith and Open class was Kelly Wilson with Orla.

DANETHORPE

A blustery June day at Danethorpe!!! As usual the setting was lovely with a water complex to die for!!!

The course builders had worked hard on the Saturday to ensure that there was a challenging course to tackle!!! The sheep worked hard over night to destroy it!!!

Winners were, Novice and Overall Winner, Kevin Smith, Open Class winner was Anne Chambers.

EAGLE SWISS DERBY

Again, we had to call upon Whitehouse Equestrian at Eagle Moor to allow us to hold a Swiss Derby at their venue, due to another landowner not committing themselves before the witching hour.

This time the weather was calmer. Our usual team of stewards were in attendance, plus Georgia and Dawn our "Dynamic Duo" despite having only just met did some superb teamwork on the cones element in the afternoon (In fact, I heard them plotting how they could go camping at the Asgarby weekend - another story for another day).

Thanks go to Polly for the lovely videos she took - until the camera battery went flat and also to Helen Camm for taking some lovely photos, despite never having met me or my camera before!!!!

Winners on the day were Novice Class Julie Tomkins and Open Class and Overall on the day, Joanne Gadsby.

ASGARBY FUN WEEKEND

Well, it's hard to know where to start, so I will leave you all to read the report!!! Suffice to say that this was a very successful event in the Poacher Calendar and, fingers crossed, we'll be invited back next year!!!!

POACHERWEAR

There is now a full range of Poacherwear available, with full details on the webpage, together with printable Order Form.

OTHER NEWS

Since our last newsletter a few of our Members have been to try "Life on the Other Side"

Anne Chambers and Sioux Gardener (our indoor friend) went to the 1st Midlands event at Catton Park. Sioux was congratulated by the stewards, on her super cones round, inside the time, in spite of an oversize wheelbase. Judging from her whoops of delight she also enjoyed the Marathon! Anne driving Tandem with Misty and Blue, also completed the cones under time and with only 1 down. She then went on to win the marathon and be the overall champion in the 4 rein class. Well done to both of you.

Again with Midlands Carriage Driving, Anne went to Tutbury in May and finished 4th in the Multiples class.

The weekend of 13th June saw a mass migration to Belvoir Castle with Kevin Smith winning the ODE with Nellie and Richard Wood coming 6th with Charlie. Joanne Gadsby came 2nd in the Pre Novice, Julie Tomkins was 4th in Novice Single Horse, whilst Anne Chambers came 3rd in Tandems and Teams.

Meanwhile, with the North East Group, Carol tried her hand at Arena

Challenge, run by ex-Poacher member, Ginny Ashford at Manor Grange, with the lovely Honey and managed 2nd place at their meeting on the 19th July. Encouraged by her success, both Richard and Carol tried their hand again (Richard driving the "just back into work after a bout of laminitis Charlie") at their meet on 9th August. This time Carol managed 4th place, closely followed by Richard.

Well done to all Club members who have tried life on the outside. You have all done the Club proud!!!!

AND FINALLY

Once again the Club will be holding an Indoor Championship in conjunction with Indoor Carriage Driving UK at Tickhill

The competition is open to Club members only and all Club members, whether ICD UK members or not will automatically be included

All entries to Anne Chambers

Entries close 10 days prior to event, earlier if over subscribed

Non ICD UK members please follow the link on the web page

The Dates for your diary are :

11th October, 8th November, 6th December, 3rd January,

7th February and 6th March

To keep up to date with what's going on in the Club, don't forget to follow us on **Facebook** or visit the website **www.poacherhc.org**

That is about it for Club news at the moment.

The next event is at Hackthorn on 23rd August followed by Brocklesby on the 6th September, so see you all there, hopefully.

The Committee